PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application o

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ATTN: Application Branch

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For:

AUTOMATIC REFERENCE POSITION TEACHING METHOD, AUTOMATIC POSITIONING METHOD, AND AUTOMATIC CARRYING METHOD FOR DISK-LIKE OBJECT, AUTOMATIC REFERENCE POSITION TEACHING DEVICE, AUTOMATIC POSITIONING DEVICE, AND AUTOMATIC CARRYING DEVICE FOR DISK-LIKE OBJECT USING THESE METHODS, AND AUTOMATIC SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE AND FILING RECEIPT STATUS REQUEST

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Sir:

The above-captioned patent application entered the National Phase on November 30, 2004. The Declaration was filed on August 5, 2005.

The original Notification of Acceptance and Filing Receipt have not yet been received. It is respectfully requested that the original Notification of Acceptance and Filing Receipt be immediately forwarded to the attorneys of record at the address set forth below.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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